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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Requests from the New Administration

1. I called Rick Inderfurth this morning seeking clarification of the list of requests left with us by Mr. Sorensen. Our conversation was confined to the short-range requests, i.e., those with deadlines in January. Inderfurth stressed that what he had to say was tentative. None of these decisions have actually been made.

2. The new NSC will issue "Presidential Review Memoranda" or PRM. These will to no one's surprise resemble NSSMs. Until 20 January, they will be referred to as Interagency Transition Reviews and the transition team will set up the interagency machinery necessary to carry out this work, thus avoiding any requirement that we try to coordinate work using Ford administration mechanisms. Our role will be a normal and proper intelligence one.

3. Terms of reference for the first six PRMs are being drafted and are supposed to be approved and distributed to shadow NSC principals by about Tuesday. These will clarify who is to do what and, with one noted exception below, we should not try to organize any work until we receive these T/Rs. We should, however, give some thought to the contribution we can make.

4. The six PRMs are SALT, Panama, MBFR, Greece & Turkey, Southern Africa, and the Middle East. While Mr. Sorensen did not mention the Middle East in general, the papers [redacted] and Saudi Arabia are parts of this request. The Saudi paper is an exception. It should be done as soon as possible without waiting for the T/Rs. (DDI and DDO are at work on this.)

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5. The support material for Senator Mondale's trip to Europe and Japan was not discussed, but I believe this work should be started and DDI has agreed to undertake it.

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